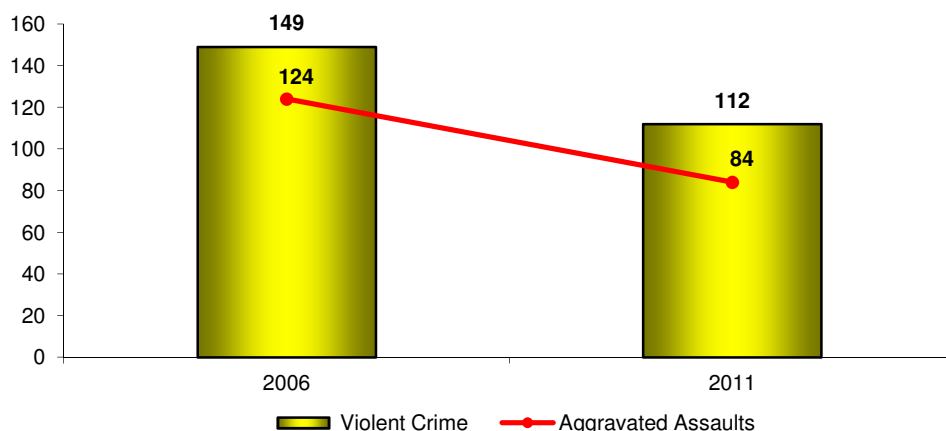


Caroline County

Working to reduce violent crime in Maryland

Governor O'Malley's primary concern for the State of Maryland is to provide safety for its citizens. To date, Maryland has the lowest homicide and violent crime rates ever reported in the state. However, the real story can be told at the local level where the difficult work of addressing violent crime and supporting victims is done every day. Over the last 5 years, through unprecedented federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration, Caroline County has seen a significant 24.8% reduction in violent crime. In addition, there has been a significant reduction in aggravated assault (-32.3%).

Caroline County Violent Crime Trends 2006 - 2011



CAROLINE COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:

Now more than ever before, crime reduction depends on federal, state, and local collaboration. Real-time information sharing, more effective crime analysis, new technology, the strategic targeting of violent offenders, and improved community resources all contributed to Caroline County's success.

Governor O'Malley's Office of Crime Control and Prevention is currently funding 8 grants in Caroline County totaling \$595,560. As a result, Caroline County has been able to implement successful crime fighting strategies such as:

- **Sex Offender Monitoring** - The Caroline County Sheriff's Department Monitoring Support Program tracks the compliance of local sex offenders who are required to register/re-register with the Maryland Sex Offender Registry. The program supports assigned deputies that track and monitor the whereabouts of each offender on a routine basis so that swift enforcement actions can be taken against offenders who fail to follow the rules and conditions of the registry.

Key Initiatives

- Heightened Supervision of Violent Offenders
- CompStat on Demand
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Mapping
- Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services
- Sex Offender Monitoring
- Victim Services
- Alternatives to Incarceration

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- **Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services** – The Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence provides a 24 hour hotline, shelter and crisis response, advocacy, counseling, legal counseling, court accompaniment, abuser intervention program, and implements public awareness and education activities for domestic violence victims.

The Mid Shore Council on Family Violence also provides bi-lingual victim assistance including client and legal services and provides information about rights and options to all Spanish speaking crime victims in the county. A Bilingual Advocate is employed by the Council to provide these services.

Two client/legal advocates are employed by the Council to provide crisis intervention, goal planning, counseling, safety planning, and legal advocacy.

- **Alternative to Incarceration** - The Caroline County Alternative Sentencing program provides alternatives to incarceration and/or fines for non-violent offenders and meets many community organizations' labor needs. The staff coordinates work assignments and supervises non-violent offenders who have received community service as a pre-trial diversion or a post trial sanction. The program serves the needs of the criminal justice system, the defendant, and the community concurrently.



"Caroline County is a perfect example of how cooperation can reduce crime. Law enforcement agencies at the state, county, and local levels have all worked together, sharing information and expertise to help reduce violent crime in the county. The professionalism and dedication of law enforcement throughout Caroline County has made it a place where residents can feel safe and secure."

Governor Martin O'Malley